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- 1. YUKIYA AMANO, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, TOLD EMBOFFS THAT JAPAN HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE 300 MILLION YEN (ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS) TO ASSIST THE LPDR IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ROUTE 13 WHICH CONFIRMS REPORT CARRIED REFTEL.

 AMANO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME CONCERN HAD BEEN VOICED IN JAPAN THAT JAPANESE AID MIGHT BE DISRUPTED IF THAI WERE TO CLOSE BORDER
- 2. AMANO ALSO SAID THAT THE JAPANESE WERE CONSIDERING GIVING 600 MILLION YEN FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ROUTE 9 FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR BUT THAT THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEMS FOR JAPANESE TO WORK ON THAT ROUTE WHICH CROSSES AN AREA WHERE VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN LOCATED.
- 3. THE LAO NATIONAL RADIO NEWS IN ENGLISH DECEMBER 11 CHARACTERIZED THE 300 MILLION YEN JAPANESE AID AS "AIMED AT HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN THE LPDR." CONFIDENTIAL

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